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1. On 14 April 1953 the Soviet freighter LASHIRON entered the military harbor at Constanta. The load consisted of thirty-six heavy 305 mm guns of the Vickers type and thirty-six 305 mm howitzers of the Skoda type. The unloading was accomplished in 28 hours. The guns are destined for the fortifications on the Black Sea coast. The ship had a bill of lading from Odessa.
2. In the harbor area at Mangalia there are 24 Skoda type guns, 210 mm, stripped down. They came from the Soviet Union, and are intended for the coastal fortifications.

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